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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7462

BILL NUMBER: HB 1717

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 9, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: CASA and Guardian Ad Litem Funding.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Klinker

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill creates the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) and Guardian Ad Litem Account within the state General Fund. It provides that \$5 of the fee paid for each Children's Trust license plate is deposited into the account. The bill annually appropriates the money in the Fund.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The State Auditor will be required to create a new account to accommodate the new distribution. This can be accomplished with their current staff and in the same manner as the State Auditor creates new accounts currently.

Explanation of State Revenues: Currently, the fee for the Children's Trust license plate is \$25, with the entire amount deposited into the Children's Trust Fund. In 2002, there were 62,389 Children's Trust license plates issued. Revenue amounted to \$1,559,725. Under the bill, \$5 of the \$25 now will be deposited into the newly created account. Based on the 2002 sales, the Children's Trust Fund revenue would be reduced by about \$312,000, while the newly created Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) and Guardian Ad Litem Account within the state General Fund would gain \$312,000.

Money in the newly created account is to be administered by the state Supreme Court. Expenses for administering the account are to be paid from the account. Money in the account does not revert to the state General Fund at the end of the state fiscal year, but is continuously appropriated.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: Those units with Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) and

Guardian Ad Litem programs.

State Agencies Affected: Bureau of Motor Vehicles; State Auditor; Supreme Court.

Local Agencies Affected: Those entities which receive the newly created revenue.

Information Sources: BMV special license plate sales data.

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